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The Bee being an independent organ, published in the interest of the Negro has been friendly disposed toward Mr. Cleveland's administration. It is not what the Bee has received, because the editor has never asked the President any favors. The paper has always endeavored to give credit to those in authority under Mr. Cleveland's administration who has been friendly disposed toward the Negro. Mr. Thomas E. Benedict, the Public Printer, being a friend to the labor party, the soldiers and the Negro, the Bee is desirous of informing the public and the colored people who Mr. Benedict is.

Mr. Benedict is forty-seven years old, a New Yorker by birth, and comes of a democratic line. He has served four terms in the New York Legislature, where his father and grandfather served before him. His great grandfather was for seven years a State Senator, and that is the longest term ever served in that body by any one man. The same progenitor was a member of the provisional government of the State immediately after the revolution. Mr. Benedict has been at various times a teacher, a railroad agent, a book keeper in a manufactory, the originator and for seventeen years the editor and proprietor of a Democratic Weekly newspaper. The newspaper he disposed of, when he became Deputy Comptroller of the State of New York. In 79 Mr. Benedict was elected to the State Assembly, and for four consecutive years he was reelected with an increased majority every time and with larger majorities than ever attained by any other candidate before or since. In the Legislature he served three years on the important finance committee was also chairman of the railroad committee and conducted several important investigations in the service of the State and New York City. He was chairman of the State Democratic Convention at Buffalo during the first year of Mr. Cleveland's administration as Governor. In January, 1884, at the commencement of the administration of the present State Comptroller, Mr. Alf C. Chapin, he was appointed Deputy Comptroller, to fill a vacancy caused by death. The two previous Deputies had retained the office for life, and that had become the custom of the office. The two last Deputies held it for forty-five years, and Mr. Benedict might apparently have held it for years to come, but on Friday last he resigned it to accept the office of Public Printer. The office of Deputy State Comptroller, which has a salary of \$4,000 (\$500 less than the salary of the Public Printer,) is the most responsible Departmental position in the gift of the people of the State of New York. It involves in the practical working of the office the receipt and disbursement of upwards of \$20,000,000 a year. The press, both Republican and Democratic, in the interior of the State of New York, where his character and his work were best known, speak of him in the highest terms of praise. They all pronounce him a man of great ability & a genuine Democrat. Mr. Manning's paper, the Albany Argus, speaks of him as "Honest Tom Benedict, the sterling Democrat," and says that he brought the office of Deputy State Comptroller

up to be a model of business perfection.

THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE is now better systematized than it has ever been. In every department of that office everything works like a clock. The workmanship on the agricultural report this year is better than it has ever been. Its typographical appearance far exceeds any that has ever been turned out of the Government Printing office. The

COLORED PEOPLE

are treated like human beings. A Bee representative had the privilege of going through the office on Tuesday to ascertain how the office was being conducted and what improvements were being made and how the Negro was being treated. He called on Mr. Mandamus Clark, of Nevada, who was appointed to a laborers position in the Folding Room under Mr. Rounds in April '83. Mr. Clark is an intelligent man who was found there when Mr. Benedict took charge of the office. He had often applied to the foreman for a promotion but was always denied and was told that if he were not satisfied he had better go west.

When Mr. Benedict was made Public Printer he found in Mr. Clark certain economical qualities that he appreciated. He suggested to the Public Printer the best mode to run the map and plate ware room. His suggestions were kindly considered and Mr. Benedict found him to be the proper man for the place, so he was promoted to the foremanship of the map and plate ware rooms.

THE FOLDING ROOM

is conducted by Mr. E. M. Rutenber, with W. C. Vamedar, as assistant. No republican foreman ever found a colored woman competent to promote except Mr. Rounds, against the protest of Mr. Phoenix. It is hoped that Mr. Benedict will make another step forward and promote some worthy colored girl.

THE BINDARY

has Mr. Wm. White, as foreman. Mr. White is affable in his manner and a man greatly liked by the employees of that department. There have been no additional appointments of colored apprentices in this department. The

COMPOSING ROOM

has Capt. Brian as foreman. He is a man who practices no discrimination on account of color. No colored man has ever been promoted in this branch of the office. We are of the opinion, that Mr. Benedict, regardless of color will give the Negro a show while he is public printer. The

PRESS ROOM

Mr. Sardo, foreman has greatly improved it. The foreman is an honest man and one who knows his business. We shall be glad to see some colored young women on the presses in that department. Mr. Benedict makes daily personal visits throughout his office. He knows every man and woman in the office. The press may speak disparagingly of the Public Printer, but there has never been a man placed in that office who has conducted the office better and put it in a more systematic order than Mr. Benedict. The Bee feels grateful to him for his kind treatment of the Negro, and whatever fault may be found with Mr. Cleveland's administration, it has been kindly disposed towards the Negro.

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The Barbers Union, L. A., No. 4032, will give its second grand picnic at Vanness Park, Monday August 22. Everybody should attend.

OUR WEEKLY REVIEW.

THE GLENN BILL, AMERICA'S DASTARDLY CIVILIZATION. THE SOUTHERN WHITE PEOPLE. HOW THE COLORED PEOPLE ARE SUCCEEDING IN MEMPHIS, TENN. HOW CAN THE NEGRO PROBLEM BE SOLVED? SUFFRAGE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. YOUNG MEN TO ORGANIZE.

The recent act passed by the Georgia Legislature, prohibiting white teachers from teaching colored children and colored, teaching white children is one of the most uncivilized acts known to America's boasted civilization. Such an act could have only been conceived by a corrupt brain and barbarian.

The colored people of the south don't ask for social equality, neither do they ask for mixed schools, but they do expect equality before the law and equal school facilities. The southern colored people have demonstrated to the world that they are competent to do as much as the white people and do it well if an opportunity is offered. The Georgia legislature may deem it wise to pass such an act, but it is not right, and that which is not right cannot prevail. A wrong to any race of people, has never been known to prevail. History speaks of people in ancient times who were oppressed by the avarice and profligate, but eventually the poor people were righted and today ancient civilization is no mockery. What is it that the white people of the south want? The question in our opinion is a division of the colored vote. The colored people must be like white people, they must support those principles that will better serve their interest. There are three great parties in existence, the republican, democratic and prohibition parties. We would suggest that the Negroes so divide as to have a representation in the three parties. Perhaps this will solve the prejudice against the Negro. The next step for the colored people to pursue is to go into business and save their money. The colored people in Memphis, Tenn., are doing good business. There is no city in the South where the colored people are doing so well as in Memphis. We don't understand why it is that in some portion of the south the colored people are progressing so nicely and in other portions they are ill treated? There is but one way to solve the

NEGRO QUESTION

as we have heretofore stated. He must divide and go into all parties. He must go into business accumulate money and save it. If this don't solve the Negro question nothing else will. Sometime ago we suggested the propriety of publishing a tri-weekly or Daily Bee. We are of the opinion that the colored

PEOPLE

are in need of a paper that makes its appearance often and says something when it appears. Such a paper is what we shall endeavor to publish. The policy of the paper will be independent in politics, fearless and outspoken on all questions pertaining to the people. Will the people support such a paper? if so please send in your names at once. The editor will make a tour throughout the south in the interest of his enterprise some time shortly. We briefly suggested to the

YOUNG MEN

last week the propriety of organizing. For some time our district affairs have been controlled by a class of corrupt men who are no good to themselves or anybody else. Young men organize. It is gratifying to see so many of our young men in business. It is certainly gratifying to the citizens. Among the new recruits is Mr. Geo. Horton, a young man well known in the community. Heretofore the colored people had to contend with a class of men in whom no confidence could be placed, but now we have men who can be trusted with any business. We have had occasion heretofore to mention the names of Messrs. W. A. Stewart and J. E. Mason. We have been told that Mr. Mason is now worth \$11,000. He has not been in business but two years and started with a small capital of \$600. Mr. Stewart is the father of the young men. They all

were under his tutorship and it is gratifying to know that they are all preparing. Let us as young men support our own enterprises. We know that the Bee has its enemies, and those who don't want to patronize the Bee, let them go to the Advocate, Brogdon or Pendleton. There is nothing selfish about us; we have friends enough who will support the Bee.

A NATIONAL FARCE.

ALIAS A NATIONAL LEAGUE. WHAT COLORED EDITORS THINK OF IT. MR. FORTUNE'S PLAN TO ORGANIZE A NATIONAL MOB.

[From the Southern Leader.]

Every colored paper in the country is a league for advocating the Negro's rights and exposing his wrongs. Mr. Fortune's league means blow for blow and, according to his own words, "shoot and stand up and be shot at." The best way to get up faith in this kind of remedy is for Mr. Fortune to take some of his own medicine.

[From the People's (Del) Witness.]

The proposed National League as conceived by Mr. Fortune, [?] is working with serious effect upon a few colored journalists. The League is to be organized for the benefit of the suffering South, that is to be instrumental in quelling mob and violence as perpetrated against the inoffending colored citizens of that region. We join in the chorus that urges the colored man to defend himself at all hazards against outlaws, as the circumstances, guided by prudent dictation, to conscientiously exert the wisdom of self defense. But we fail to see the sense of organizing the colored people into a band of outlaws, that will place them on a par with the illiterate unchristianized and uncivilized white roughs of the South. Many of our sagacious colored editors of the South have already spoken out in condemning tones against the League, because they see the impropriety in its complicated influence. They should be those who know whether such an organization would be advantageous or not. Nevertheless we expect Mr. Fortune, of the New York Freeman, knows better than even they, and will doubtless say they must have it, because his imagination is so much stronger than their practical knowledge. There, too, seems to be some advantage visible in it to the Northern Fortune since he has the credit of conceiving this method and advancing the idea recently. So far the proposition looks to us very much like that advanced and endorsed by T. Thomas Fortune nearly a year ago in Philadelphia at a mass-meeting when the South Carolina massacre was denounced, and from which grew into existence the Afro-American Protective League. This organization was made permanent. Robert Reeves, Esq., was elected President, and its dimensions were to extend all over the Union for the expressed purpose of meeting the emergencies recently advanced by Mr. Fortune, which is practically a "chestnut." It may be the intention of our friend of the Metropolitan city to see first the question thoroughly warmed up and then call upon the citizens of the City of Brotherly Love to push the work onward. But, at any rate, Mr. Fortune has either allowed himself to be credited by many who know nothing of the existence of the above mentioned organization to consider him the conceiver of this new "League baby" on purpose, or the idea of condescending to work in harmony with the colored people of Philadelphia, would not place within the grasp of his power certain influences suitable to the cause of a near future. If Mr. Fortune is honest in his proposed attempt to organize a national league, he should, in our opinion, urge the recognition and completion of the Afro-American Protective League without delay. But if the preamble and by-laws which he, in our opinion, endorsed last Autumn, are altogether foreign from this new pet theory, and cannot be altered to fit the plans of his party, then there is certainly something rotten in Denmark.

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